# AMERICAN DRAGON "The Halloween Bash" (777A-122)

TEASER:

## EXT. ISLE OF DRACO - ESTABLISHING

## 1 COUNCILOR ANDAM (V.O.)

And so we have nearly completed our surprise student inspections.

There is but one more dragon-in

training left to evaluate.

INT. TEMPLE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - DAY

PULL IN SLOWLY ON A WIDE SHOT of COUNCILOR KULDE, COUNCILOR ANDAM, AND COUNCILOR CHANG, sitting at table set elegantly for tea.

KULDE writes in a large, ancient, tome.

## 2 COUNCILOR KULDE

Jake Long, the American Dragon.

Councilor Chang's eyes narrow. As she speaks her hand clenches into a tight fist around her tea cup...

## 3 COUNCILOR CHANG

Why that boy is still a member of the order is a mystery to me. He is nothing but trouble.

On 'trouble' Councilor Chang's tea cup SHATTERS under her clenched hand.

The other Council members exchange an awkward glance.

Andam clears his throat, returning the focus to the room.

## 4 COUNCILOR ANDAM

I'm confident the boy will pass his inspection with flying colors. No doubt he is in serious training as we speak.

CUT TO:

INT. GRANDPA'S STORE

ON DRAGON JAKE dancing in his typical cocky fashion.

5 JAKE
Y'all ready for this? 'Cause I'm
the what? Dragon! That's right!
I'm Jake, it ain't fake...

## 6 FU DOG (0.S.)

Just blow already, will ya?

WIDEN TO INCLUDE SPUD - looking terrified, sitting on a stool across the room from Jake. TRIXIE and FU DOG look on, arms folded.

A beat and Jake rears back... and exhales a perfect RING OF FIRE.

WIDEN as the RING perfectly surrounds SPUD who pulls up into a fetal position/ball to avoid the flames. The ring singes the legs of the stool, causing Spud to drop to the ground on what is now a much shorter stool.

TRIXIE celebrates.

7 TRIXIE
Whew! Ring of Fire, baby! Pay up!

8 FU DOG

Aw! He never gets that one.

A sulky Fu Dog reaches into his folds and hands Trixie a bag of cookies.

9 FU DOG

Two dozen. Chocolate Chip.

10 GRANDPA (O.S.)

What is going on in here?

11 JAKE

Ring of fire, Gramps!

12 SPUD

I wasn't scared at all.

A beat as Spud faints dead away into Trixie's arms.

GRANDPA raises an eyebrow at Jake.

13 GRANDPA

Jake! You have to take your dragon training more seriously.

14 JAKE

Tsk. Come'on Gramps. What's wrong with having a little fun?

15 GRANDPA

Nothing, but only at the proper place and time. You must find balance.

In one swift move, Jake skillfully hops up on one hand, balancing on one dragon claw.

16 JAKE

How's this for balance? NYC WHAT!

17 HALEY (O.S.)

Ready, Grandpa?

WIDEN TO REVEAL HALEY, standing next to Jake, dressed in her PRINCESS BEST, carrying a plastic jack-o'-lantern. Jake starts at the sight of Haley next to him and proceeds to fall

into a heap at her feet.

18 JAKE

Whoa

Grandpa tosses the keys to the shop on top of the tangled pile of Jake.

19 GRANDPA

Jake! Please lock up the shop. Haley and I are going treat and tricking.

20 HALEY

That's trick or treating, Grandpa. Let's move. I'll explain on the way.

Haley and Grandpa exit the shop, leaving Jake to sulk. Jake gets up, brushing himself off.

21 JAKE

(imitating Grandpa)
You must find balance...

(then)

Man, Gramps is whack. I've got balance coming out of my--AHHHH!

ON CUE, Jake trips on the half-stool, flying out the front door of the shop.

EXT. CITY STREET - DAY

THE CROWD PARTS to allow Jake, still in DRAGON FORM to roll out of the shop. He lands at the feet of a BUSINESS LADY.

## 22 BUSINESS LADY

A DRAGON!

A POLICE CAR up on the sidewalk next to Jake, SIRENS BLARING.

Jake looks around at the crowd in a panic, patting himself down, feeling his dragon snout, looking very sheepish.

23 JAKE

Aw, man.

SMASH CUT TO:

OPENING CREDIT SEQUENCE.

## ACT ONE

IN BLACK:

We hear a shrill ... PULL OUT FROM BLACK TO REVEAL...

EXT. CITY STREET - DAY

We are PULLING OUT of the OPEN, mouth of the BUSINESS LADY.

The Business Lady instantly stops screaming and turns to Jake, excited.

24 BUSINESS LADY
Where did you get that AMAZING
Halloween costume! YOU'RE THE BEST

LOOKING DRAGON IN NEW YORK!

WIDE OUT TO REVEAL a THIN KID in a crappy dragon outfit made from painted cardboard and streamers, looking sad.

25 THIN KID

(defeated)

Well, I guess I'll be second best.

Jake takes, realizing. Also standing around Jake are TWO EXCITED BUSINESSMEN and a GEEK dressed as—but way to big to be—a hobbit.

The POLICE OFFICER (re-use from "Talented Mr. Long") leans out his window, speaking through his megaphone at Jake.

26 POLICE OFFICER #1

If I could arrest someone for
having an amazing costume, you'd be
in for life! Happy Halloween!

As the POLICEMAN speeds off, Jake takes, realizing.

27 JAKE
Ooooh... Yo! That's right, it's Halloween!

The HOBBIT GEEK at Jake.

28 GEEK

You'd hardly know it to look at your costume. Those scales look like oversized tiddly winks. And are we to believe that dragons use words like "yo?"

29 JAKE

Yo, believe this.

Jake stands, SPREADING HIS WINGS and FLAUNTING HIS STUFF. The CROWD "AHHS" appreciatively.

30 JAKE

And check the profile!

Jake strikes a few more poses to the crowd's delight.

EXCITED TOURISTS pictures.

31 CROWD

Ooooh! / Those wings are so real!/ Fly me to the moon, baby!

Jake smiles, getting a big idea...

32 JAKE

Yo, this holiday just got a lot more fun.

33 FU DOG (V.O.)

A party?!?!

CUT TO:

INT. GRANPA'S STORE - DAY

The place is utterly decked out for a Halloween bash; tables covered in orange and black tablecloths spill over with candy, punch, sandwiches, and pizza. There are streamers, skulls with party hats, and lanterns. Jake, in dragon form, hangs a long line of horned tikis along the ceiling.

Trixie mounts a LARGE SPEAKER in the corner. Spud strings a wire from it across the room.

34 FU DOG
No way, kid! Are you listening to
me?

Spud, oblivious to Fu's protests, hangs wiring on a deadpan Fu Dog's ear, continuing across the room.

Fu Dog, frustrated, SHAKES the wire off like a wet dog. He looks up at Jake.

35 FU DOG You'll regret this. The old man never forgave me after the last party I had.

WHIP PAN TO:

EXT. GRANDPA'S STORE (FLASHBACK)

Grandpa, with two suitcases in tow, wearing a HAWAIIAN SHIRT opens the door to his shop.

He's immediately met with a DELUGE of water. Two MERMAIDS in PARTY HATS pour out past him. A SOAKING WET FU DOG, wearing an INFLATABLE DUCKY and a SNORKEL lands at his feet.

Fu Dog smiles at Grandpa sheepishly.

36 FU DOG So... how was your trip?

WHIP PAN TO:

INT. SHOP - BACK TO SCENE

Fu Dog shakes his head at the memory.

37 FU DOG
I did hard time in obedience school
for that one. I may never heal.
Get it? Heal!? But seriously. No
party.

38 JAKE Yo, Fu, I was in full dragon on the street, and everyone thought I was in costume!

(MORE)

38 JAKE (CONT'D)
We have a chance to rock the
greatest Halloween party ever.
With everyone we know, magical and
human. Gramps'll never know.

39 SPUD
Unless he hears this rocking sound
system Trix and I are hooking up!

40 TRIXIE
Yeah, boy! We're gonna shake this joint.

Jake changes to human form, dropping to the floor, landing on Fu Dog's feet.

41 JAKE
Check it out, Fu. We'll invite
everyone --kids from school,
trolls, pixies, brownies... Cute
talking poodles...

Jake unfurls a SEXY CALENDAR of a POODLE standing on her hind legs in a BIKINI.

Fu Dog raises an eyebrow... A beat, then he's all business:

Spud, draw up flyers. Jake, drop'em over heavy intersections and known magical gathering spots. Trixie, finish rigging the sound system. I'll order up the dessert. Anybody allergic to butterscotch?

They all shake their heads.

43 FU DOG Good. And one more thing. (beat) The plural of poodle is actually Poo-di (then off their looks) What? It is!

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. GRANDPA'S STORE - EVENING

Fu Dog, wearing a multicolored tux (like Big Boi in the "I Like the Way You Move" video) and Jake stand with their backs

to us, in front of the door. They look at each other and open it up...

RACK FOCUS - as we reveal the massive crowd made up of Jake's classmates and Fu Dog's magical creature friends (include a GOAT IN A BOWLER, a DWARF CYCLOPS, and a pretty CENTAUR TEEN GIRL) holding flyers.

44 FU DOG

WHO'S READY TO PAAAAAARTY????

EXT. NEW YORK CITY - DARK ALLEY - EVENING

The Dragon Council (IN DRAGON FORM) land in an alley.

Councilor Andam morphs into his human form.

The other dragons (including Chang) follow suit and morph into human form.

45 COUNCILOR KULDE I believe that the young one showed great potential in his tests on Draco Island—he demonstrated skill, bravery, selflessness—

46 COUNCILOR CHANG And rebelliousness unparalleled! I, for, one, will be shocked if we find anything different tonight.

The council exits the alley, as the HUNTSMAN and THORN step out from a darkened doorstep.

47 THORN Is it time, master?

48 HUNTSMAN
Not yet, Thorn. Patience. Soon,
your destiny will be fulfilled.

An evil smile creeps across Thorn's face.

INT. LINE OF BROWNSTONES - EVENING

The Thin Kid in the crappy dragon costume walks down the street with a candybag. A KID dressed as a CELPHONE walks by, with a SHORT HIP HOP KID, both with candybags.

49 HALEY (O.S.)
People say Halloween is about a lot of things. Decorations. Haunted Houses. Costumes. Truth is, Halloween is about the candy.

Grandpa and Haley walk into FRAME. We TRACK with them.

Not pennies for charity, not glow sticks, and for the love of all that is good, not apples.

51 GRANDPA But an apple a day-

52 HALEY
Apples are for losers Grandpa.
Bottom line - the person with the most candy wins.

53 GRANDPA You've put a lot of thought into this.

I've been burned before. Now, good costumes reap the best candy, and everybody loves a princess. I even made up some special 8x10 glossies to sign for all the fans I'm going to have!

Haley pulls out a headshot from her jack-o'-lantern; in it, she's dressed in her princess outfit, smiling and giving the thumbs up.

INT. BROWNSTONE FOYER - EVENING

HOMEOWNER P.O.V. - the doorbell and we see a hand come into frame and open the door, revealing Grandpa and

Haley. Haley does a quick pirouette.

55 HALEY

Trick or treat!

56 HOMEOWNER (V.O.) Holy Candy Corn! THAT COSTUME IS

#### ABSOLUTELY PRECIOUS!

57 HALEY
(faux modesty)
Oh, this old thing? It's just a
little something I threw together.
Would you care for a glossy?

58 HOMEOWNER

Would I!

The Homeowner whips out a camera and FLASHES a picture.

59 HOMEOWNER (V.O.) Little boy, you have the BEST COSTUME OF THE NIGHT! You look just like a wise old Chinese man!

He rubs Grandpa's head and yanks on his mustache.

60 GRANDPA Oh, well, actually I AM-

61 HOMEOWNER (V.O.) You're preaching to the choir, kiddo!

The Homeowner positively loads up Grandpa's jack-o'-lantern with candy. A beat, and he drops a SHINY APPLE into Haley's jack-o'-lantern. Haley's eyes narrow angrily.

## INT. GRANDPA'S STORE - EVENING

We PAN around through the OUT OF CONTROL PARTY in a LONG TRACKING SHOT; we see Jake's classmates and the City's magical creatures dance and snack and chat together.

We PAN past BRAD (dressed in his football uniform), as he hangs with the CENTAUR TEEN GIRL, trying to play smooth.

62 BRAD

Hey, sweeties, nice costume. Too bad one of you had to be the back half of the suit.

Brad leans into the horses behind and talks into the horse's back half.

63 BRAD (O.S.)

Guess you lost the coin toss, huh?

A beat as the Centaur tail SLAPS him across the face.

64 BRAD

Giddy up! (ALT: Feisty! The
Bradster likes Feisty.)

CAMERA PANS in the opposite direction, PASSING MERMAIDS as they swim in a large glass tank, "reverse bobbing" for apples hung from strings on the ceiling we continue PANNING past two boys in sheets with eyeholes cut out (GHOST KID #1 and GHOST KID #2)

65 GHOST KID #1
We'll just go as ghosts you said.
Nobody'll wear a good costume, you said.

Ghost Kid #1 hits Ghost Kid # 2 in the shoulder.

...as we pan past a BLINDFOLDED BIKER TROLL swinging a small bat at a evil-looking HORNED DONKEY IN A SOMBRERO PI"ATA.

Surrounded by a couple other BIKER TROLLS, and a couple BROWNIES, the Biker Troll swings at the pi-ata, missing, smashing up a mini tv, then a standard tv.

He takes off the blindfold, and proceeds to hit a bigscreen TV. As electronic parts fly everywhere, the other BIKER TROLLS dive for them and start eating them (like kids with a pinata.)

66 MAGICAL CREATURES We continue PANNING...

TO COURTNEY (dressed as a witch) sitting next to a BROWNIE (REX) on the couch. She pokes at the Brownie curiously.

67 COURTNEY Are you like... animatronic?

68 REX
I'm whatever you want me to be,
doll face. Oy!

Continue PANNING TO ...

SPUD, dressed as a potato, walks with Jake, who looks cool and confident in his DRAGON form.

Fu Dog rushes up to them.

69 FU DOG Yo, kid. That Troll just whacked an LCD, a tube, and a plasma in three fell swoops.

70 SPUD
Relax, Fu. You can't make an
omelette without breaking a few
Tvs. At least not a TV Omelette.

CONTINUE PANNING TO...

Jake walks up to Trixie.

71 JAKE
Yo, Trix! I thought you were
workin' on tunes.

TRIXIE, dressed as Missy Elliot when she wore that crazy inflatable vinyl suit, drops into FRAME, holding a remote.

72 TRIXIE
I set up the speakers for maximum bumpage, yo. Care to do the honors?

Trixie hands Jake the remote. A BLENDER flies through FRAME, smashing OS. Fu Dog rushes up to Jake.

73 FU DOG
Kid! This thing's kinda gettin'
outta hand donchathink?

74 JAKE
What's really breaking here, Fu
Dog? A couple of TVs, or barriers
between magical creatures and
humans?

75 FU DOG Oh, please. You just want to strut your dragon six pack in front of girls.

76 JAKE Fu, this is so not about showing off.

A beat as Jake notices a CUTE GIRL struggling with a soda bottle.

77 JAKE Here, let me get that for ya.

Jake grabs a SODA BOTTLE quickly it with his abs and hands it back to the girl.

78 JAKE
Don't sweat it, Fu. Nothing else is gonna get broken.

Jake hits the button on the remote, starting a that is actually visible, shaking the store and

exciting/frightening the partygoers.

A soda can that Brad holds open, showering him and the TEEN CENTAUR GIRL.

The MERMAID TANK springs some leaks.

In a WIDE SHOT, we see EVERY TV SCREEN IN THE STORE

Trixie's Missy E-inspired costume pops a leak, blowing air in

SPUD'S FACE, causing him to flail backwards into a table of

snacks, CRASHING it to the ground.

Jake hits the remote again. Fu turns to him in a slow burn.

79 JAKE 'Kay, nothing else is gonna get broken. Dragon's honor.

Jake makes a "scout's honor" type sign, accidentally knocking the CASH REGISTER off of the counter. It drops and , sending money flying. A beat and HUMAN KIDS rush into frame, collecting the money (like kids with a pinata.)

80 KIDS

EXT. LINE OF BROWNSTONES - NIGHT

Grandpa and Haley walk along together. Grandpa's jack-o' lantern is noticeably fuller than his granddaughter's.

Okay, maybe people aren't impressed with princesses anymore. But who wouldn't be amazed by a princess dragon?

Haley quickly morphs into her dragon HEAD and TAIL.

INT. FOYER - NIGHT

A FEMALE HOMEOWNER answers the door. She takes, thrilled.

82 FEMALE HOMEOWNER You are magnificent.

83 HALEY (with relief)
Thank you.

84 FEMALE HOMEOWNER Um, I was talking to this wise old Chinese man here, scaly-face.

The Female Homeowner loads up Grandpa with candy. Grandpa smiles at his jack-o'-lantern.

85 GRANDPA
Oooh! You are right, Haley! The best costumes DO reap the best candy!

Haley grimaces at Grandpa, who smiles wide.

86 HALEY

WAIT! Hey, lady, watch this!

Haley turns her head and blows fire.

FEMALE HOMEOWNER (V.O.)

(unimpressed)

Nice. Maybe you can use that fire to bake this shiny new apple!

The Homeowner drops a gross, mealy, bruised apple in Haley's jack-o'-lantern. Haley shoots daggers at Grandpa with her eyes. Grandpa's smile drops awkwardly.

EXT. GRANDPA'S SHOP - NIGHT

The Council makes its way down the street.

88 COUNCILOR KULDE I'm sure Master Long is keeping his student under perfect discipline and control.

89 COUNCILOR ANDAM This is the place. I always find it calming to visit a sacred dragon training space.

Suddenly, the door opens, giving us a of music as a GOAT IN A BOWLER and a DWARF CYCLOPS stumble out and then shut the door. Councilor KULDE must duck another flying BLENDER.

90 GOAT IN A BOWLER I've never had so much sugar or hoagies in my life! Straw hat for dessert and stick a fork in me!

91 DWARF CYCLOPS Too bad the topping

truck never showed.

Just then, a TANKER TRUCK with fake whipped cream and a cherry on it pulls up. A TRUCKER leans out the window.

## 92 TRUCKER You guys order the butterscotch?

The COUNCIL exchanges a shocked glance as we...

# END ACT ONE

#### ACT TWO

INT. GRANDPA'S STORE - NIGHT

The Council walks into the SWINGING PARTY.

93 COUNCILOR KULDE Perhaps this isn't the place?

94 COUNCILOR CHANG No. I'm certain the American Dragon is behind this mess.

Two HARPIES FLY ABOVE the party, eating candy and throwing down their half eaten bars onto the crowd.

95 HARPY #1 I'm like, this party is so lame.

96 HARPY #2
Please tell me that doofus ogre has stopped looking at me. I mean, he's an ogre. Do I look like I go out with ogres?

THE CROWD BELOW - is getting rowdy, throwing popcorn balls and candy back at the Harpies. BRAD walks by, elbowing two HIP OGRES.

97 BRAD
Those flying babes are hot! And you can't even see the wires on their costumes. Up high, Homies!

Brad raises a hand to high five the Ogres. Hip Ogre #1 shrugs, and high fives Brad so forcefully, he sends his arm wind-milling around in his shoulder socket painfully.

98 BRAD
Ow! That's my throwing arm!

We CONTINUE PAN to Fu Dog, talking to Jake, Spud, and Trixie. Spud mans a bicycle pump, blowing up Trixie's inflatable vinyl costume.

99 FU DOG

I'm starting to re-think this whole party thing, kid. Bring magical creatures and non-mysticals together and all you get is massive property damage!

100 SPUD Fu, it isn't a party until

something gets damaged!

101 TRIXIE

Holla that! I think we need more bass.

102 SPUD

Kick it!

Fu Dog, thinking fast, pulls the pump out of Trixie's suit, sending her shooting into Spud and making them both fly OS with a crash.

103 JAKE things are a litt

Okay, so things are a little out of control. But check it... mermaids are mixing with the math nerds...

ON THE MERMAID TANK - as a GEEKY KID and a MERMAID work on an equation with grease pencils on each side of the tank.

104 JAKE

Ogres are ogling cheerleaders.

ON THE TWO HIP OGRES - as the flip a LAUGHING cheerleader high in the sky, they SHOVE HOAGIES into their mouth in one motion, then catch her.

105 JAKE

The Goths are getting jiggy with the goblins.

ON TWO GOTH KIDS, dressed in black and two GOBLINS. They are engrossed in painting each other's fingernails black.

BACK ON JAKE...

106 JAKE

Don't you see? Magical creatures have to stay in hiding all year. I just want us to have this one night to really get down.

SMASH CUT TO:

INT. FOYER - NIGHT

HALEY - as she tap dances, juggles, and breathes out a pumpkin made of dragon fire. Grandpa stands next to her patiently. Haley ends her bit with a flourish and the line...

107 HALEY

Trick or treat.

WIDEN TO INCLUDE a HOME OWNER. He GASPS, thoroughly impressed.

108 HOMEOWNER
Brilliant! Little boy, that old
bald man with beard costume is
BRILLIANT! Bravo! Bra-VO!

Grandpa extends his jack-o'-lantern and gets it filled with candy. Haley, as usual, receives an apple.

Grandpa turns to Haley...

109 GRANDPA
Winning isn't everything
Granddaughter. But it sure beats a
sack full of apples!

Haley's eyes NARROW.

SMASH CUT BACK:

INT. GRANDPA'S STORE (STORAGE ROOM) - SAME
As a pumpkin flies through frame and makes an O.S.

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The COUNCIL presses their way through the throngs of partiers, confused. Chang shoves people out her way, disgusted.

\$110\$ COUNCILOR KULDE I don't think the boy is here.

111 COUNCILOR ANDAM Perhaps we had the wrong address after all...

112 SPUD (O.S.) Give it up for the stylings of Draggy J!

The council exchange a glance and hurry UPSTAIRS.

EXT. ROOFTOP - SAME

ANGLE ON a six-armed, blue, hip-looking elfin D.J. at a turntable, holding records in four of his hands. Jake is standing in front of the crowd with Spud and Trixie.

Yo, deej. Thirty clicks on the clock!

114 SPUD Thirty ticks on the tock!

AN ANGRY BROWNIE (REX) pounds on SPUD'S foot.

115 REX
Oy, oy! Staple it shut,
potatoface! We wanna hear some
beats!

Don't be a tater hater, man. Gents, ladies griffons, and Pixies, let me introduce, Draggy J!

The D.J. drops a Spud hands Jake the mic. Jake steps forward and takes his shot.

117 JAKE

Holla, Halloween! Halloween! Halloweeen!

118 CROWD

Halloween! Halloweeen! Halloweeeen!

119 JAKE

Halloween hams and hip-hop scams, 'nilla cream grahams and trip pop slams... This Halloween we kick out the jams! Kick out the WHAT? THE JAMS, JAMS, YO! Holla back now, a holla back now! Kick out the WHAT?

120 CROWD

THE JAMS, JAMS, YO!

121 JAKE

KICK OUT THE WHAT? (as the crowd replies) Yo, Brooklyn Goblins, I can't feel ya! DJ, pump the beat!

The D.J. speeds up the beat as the crowd circled around a BREAKDANCING GOBLIN in an old-school Addidas-style getup.

122 JAKE

PUT YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR! OR YOUR

WINGS! OR YOUR TENTACLES! KEEP

THAT STUFF WAVIN'!

The CROWD waves their hands (or their wings or their tentacles).

123 JAKE

AW, YEAH! Drop 'em like they're hot! LIKE THEY IS HOT!

The CROWD puts down their hands, revealing the DRAGON COUNCIL

in their HUMAN FORM standing at the back of the crowd. JAKE, oblivious MOON WALKS right into them.

124 JAKE AWWW, yeah, that's right! That--

Jake right into the stone faced council. He takes.

125 JAKE
Hey, kickin' costumes! You look
just like the...
(then realizing)
...Dragon Council. Look, I can
explain--

126 COUNCILOR ANDAM We are here for our surprise inspection. And we are indeed, surprised.

Just then, the DWARF CYCLOPS races in with an hose.

127 DWARF CYCLOPS Toppins in the hizzy!

The Dwarf Cyclops winds up covering much of the crowd-including the Dragon Council--with butterscotch.

The butterscotched Dragon Council glares at Jake, who says nothing. Spud, Fu, and Trixie look on. Suddenly, one of the Hip Ogres walks into FRAME.

128 HIP OGRE #1
Yo, Draggy J baby, you got another bathroom? The one in the back, well-- let's just say I didn't give it a treat.

Jake turns to the Hip Ogre #1, unamused.

\$129\$ HIP OGRE #1 I'll ask the neighbors.

Hip Ogre #1 flicks a finger on Chang's shoulder, tasting the butterscotch.

130 HIP OGRE #1 Nice look. So long, Sti-zicky.

131 COUNCILER CHANG Never in all my years have I seen such a reckless display of undisciplined behavior.

132 COUNCILOR KULDE I had such hope for you, American Dragon.

133 JAKE

(contrite)

It's just a party, yo. Sometimes you gotta roll with a shinny-Sometimes you gotta cut loose! I'm been training my tail off-

134 COUNCILOR CHANG As a dragon, it is your destiny to act as guardian, protector, and champion. There is no room for cutting loose!

Jake's smile drops.

135 JAKE

No - listen, please, I'm sorry, I was just--

136 COUNCILOR ANDAM I am the one who is sorry, Dragon Long...

Councilor Andam puts out his hand. The other Councilors each put a hand on his. Their hands begin to glow and then suddenly shoot out a GREEN BEAM around Jake. The glow grows brighter, brighter, and then FIZZLES OUT, like a broken lightbulb, leaving Jake in his HUMAN FORM.

GHOST KID #1 turns to GHOST KID #2

137 GHOST KID #1 Dude! They made his costume disappear! We're not the lamest ones at the party anymore!

WIDEN TO INCLUDE ONE OF THE HARPIES standing next to them.

138 HARPY #1 Uh, yeah. You still are.

BACK ON Jake, Trixie, Fu, Spud and the council.

139 TRIXIE

Yo, that trick was off the hook.

140 COUNCILOR CHANG That "trick" was young Mr. Long's dragon powers being sucked from his soul.

141 SPUD
Talk about killing the party vibe.

142 JAKE What? You- You can't!

143 COUNCILOR CHANG I'm sorry, Mister Long. You leave us with no choice. Your dragon powers have been deactivated until further notice.

144 COUNCILOR KULDE Jake Long, you and master--

145 JAKE

Grandpa?

146 FU DOG

The old man?

147 COUNCILOR ANDAM --are hereby suspended from the Dragon Order.

\$148\$ COUNCILOR KULDE Again, I am sorry.

A UNICORN walks up to the Council and, with its tongue, it licks off their butterscotch in one fell swoop. Now covered in unicorn spit, a livid Chang turns to Councilor Andam.

149 COUNCILOR CHANG Well I, for one, am not.

The Council walks out. Spud looks around.

150 SPUD

I'm feeling that we're losing some momentum here...

(then getting an idea) Punch diving!

Spud dives O.S. We hear a SPLASH and a pink waves splashes onto Jake and friends.

Jake sulks, oblivious.

151 JAKE

I should never thrown this party.

Fu Dog shakes his head.

152 FU DOG

I should stopped you kid. I was blinded by dreams of Poodi.

153 JAKE

It's not your fault Fu. I'm the one who messed up. I gotta get outa here

Jake walks out of the store, hands in his pockets, head hung low.

154 TRIXIE

Oh, man. This is some bad business.

Spud, now wet, and tinted pink joins her side.

155 SPUD

I know.

(then)

He'll never get candy without a costume. (beat) Maybe a couple of apples...

Trixie shoots Spud a look of disbelief.

CUT TO:

EXT. DARK ALLEY - NIGHT

The Council walks along together, turning a corner, the of the party distant in the bg.

156 COUNCILOR CHANG He was never one of us, Andam. You shouldn't be sorry. 157 COUNCILOR ANDAM
He had great potential, Chang. And
frankly, I am a little concerned
that you didn't see anything good
in the--

Councilor Andam freezes as the sound of FOOTSTEPS skittering across the alley is heard.

The Council, sensing danger each switch to DRAGON form.

158 COUNCILOR ANDAM

Shhh! Listen.

More footsteps, as the SHADOW OF THE HUNTSMAN darts by. Suddenly a net drops from above, trapping the Council and morphing them into HUMANS.

159 COUNCILOR ANDAM The Huntsman, Thorn, and the rest of the Huntsclan drop in

from O.S.

160 COUNCILOR CHANG Release us at once, Huntsclan!

161 HUNTSMAN
Release you? But I worked so hard
procuring that sphinx hair.
Besides, you're the guests of honor
tonight.

162 COUNCILOR ANDAM Guests for what?

163 THORN For my dragon Slaying Rite.

164 HUNTSMAN
Tonight, Thorn shall finally pass
from apprentice to a full member of
the Huntsclan.

165 THORN
By slaying my first dragon.

166 HUNTSMAN Huntsclan! Take them!

EXT. CITY STREET - NIGHT

Jake sadly walks along the street.

He hears the sound of STOMPING HOOFS and RATTLING CHAINS and turns to see...

The Huntsclan loading the bound Council into a tricked out, FUTURISTIC YET MEDIAEVAL STAGECOACH. The horses that lead the coach have horned armor, the coach itself is black and grey steel, adorned with gothic touches, and it has blazing red headlights. Jake dives into the doorway, watching them.

167 JAKE (urgent whisper)
The Huntsclan!

OTS JAKE - as the Huntsclan load into the Huntscoach and start to take off. Jake turns and concentrates, shutting his eyes--

168 JAKE
Dragon up--(then realizing)
Aw, man.

Jake swings out into the street as the Huntsclan, roars away, chasing after them on foot.

## END ACT TWO

#### ACT THREE

EXT. CITY STREET - NIGHT

Jake races after the HUNTSCOACH, quickly losing ground. It's late, and the street is empty.

Finally Jake, winded, must stop and catch his breath.

169 JAKE

170 HARPY #1 (V.O.) That Debbie girl was a troll. Really. She just had surgery to make it look like she's a goblin.

Did I buy it? "N.O."

spells "I don't think so!"

Jake's eyes go wide and look up at the Harpies flying above the street.

171 JAKE

Hey!

172 HARPY #2

Oh, look! It's the rapper-dragon!

173 HARPY #1

Draggy J! Without the draggy-ness.

What a drag.

174 JAKE

Guys! I need a lift, yo!

175 HARPY #1

Boring!

176 HARPY #2

Who cares? He's cute!

The Harpies each take one of Jake's wrists--he grabs onto their legs.

177 JAKE

Thanks, now follow that uh, um,

HUNTS-VEHICLE!

INT. FOYER - NIGHT

ON HOMEOWNER #3, looking very impressed.

178 HALEY (O.S.)

Trick or treat!

179 HOMEOWNER #3

(English accent)

Wow... WOW! You two look amazing! And you. (pointing to Haley) That old-man-head is perfect! Apples be darned! Candy all around!

REVEAL Grandpa and Haley, who is now dressed exactly like Grandpa, with a mask that covers her whole head. (NOTE: The mask is a hollowed out canteloupe with cotton balls for hair, and two marbles for eyes.)

Homeowner #3 drops candy into her jack-o'-lantern.

EXT. CITY STREET - NIGHT

Grandpa and Haley walk on. Haley pulls her mask off and looks at it.

180 HALEY

Who knew all I needed for a great costume was some cotton balls, a couple marbles, and a hallowed out canteloupe?

Grandpa smiles with clenched teeth.

181 GRANDPA

Yes. I'm glad you're finally getting all my-- I mean so much candy.

Several other children (including the Geek dressed as a hobbit) gather around.

182 CHILDREN
Look how much candy they have!/
It's a Halloween miracle!

Haley BEAMS.

INT. GRANDPA'S STORE - NIGHT

Spud sadly mans the bicycle pump as Trixie stands in her patched vinyl costume, looking dejected. Fu Dog stares into space, munching on some candy corn. The party continues to rage in the bg.

We have problems here, dog-man. The council yoinked Jake's dragonosity, there's topping in the tvs, and Trixie's costume has gone from all that to all flat.

184 TRIXIE What are we gonna do, yo?

185 FU DOG Well, we gotta fix this thing.

Spud gestures to the patch on Trixie's costume.

186 SPUD (panicked)
I'm trying! The patch isn't working, man!

Fu Dog rips the patch off of Trixie's costume, causing it to deflate rapidly, like a The resultant wind causes Spud's face to flap in the breeze.

187 FU DOG I ain't talkin' about that!

Fu Dog hops up on the counter, ripping the record off the turntable with a

188 FU DOG Listen up people: if it weren't for Jake, you wouldn't have had this rocking party to go to tonight. And now he needs our help.

ON THE CROWD - Brad, HIP OGRE #1, and the DWARF CYCLOPS stand

near each other.

189 BRAD

Helping people? LAME! The Bradster
is out!

The two HIP OGRES stand in front of him, blocking his way.

190 HIP OGRE #1

Ungracious guests make me angry.

The Ogre shoves Brad away with an easy flick of his finger. Brad lands in the tank of mermaids. He raises his eyebrows at them.

191 BRAD (through bubbles) Hey, baby. Nice tail.

The mermaid SLAPS him with her tail.

192 BRAD

(through bubbles)

I definitely need some air soon.

ON FU DOG - talking to the crowd.

193 FU DOG

Now whaddaya say we get to cleaning this place up before the Old Man gets back? If you won't do it for me, do it for Jake.

THE CROWD - responds affirmatively.

194 CROWD

195 FU DOG

Trixie, Spudsy-- time to get sudsy.

EXT. CITY STREET - NIGHT

The Harpies carry Jake over the street, trailing the Huntscoach. They suddenly stop hovering in midair.

196 JAKE

Why're you stoppin'?

197 HARPY #1

They're going into a graveyard. On Halloween. That is so five minutes ago.

198 HARPY #2

That saying is so five years ago.

199 HARPY #1

You are!

200 HARPY #2

No, you are.

201 JAKE

Uh, guys...

202 HARPY #1

Are you still here?

The Harpies yank their feet away and Jake drops down, falling onto an awning, bouncing up to a streetlight, and swinging around to an amazing landing.

203 JAKE

Yes! That's what I'm talking about! Just 'cause I don't have powers doesn't mean I don't have mad ski--UH!

Jake swings around and immediately FACE PLANTS into a LIGHT POST.

204 JAKE

Nevermind.

Jake races over to the graveyard.

EXT. GRAVEYARD - NIGHT

Jake enters the eerie graveyard, the red headlights of the Huntscoach cut through the mist and is cast across gravestones. Jake swings behind crumbling gravestone to crumbling gravestone to stay hidden.

In the center of the large graveyard is a clearing. A

firepit is in the center--members of the Huntsclan tie up the Council to a line of trees. The Huntsman and Thorn stand nearby. One of the Huntsclan gives the Huntsman a large wooden case.

205 HUNTSMAN
Congratulations, Councilmembers.
Two of you will the first to see
the ancient Huntsclan's Slaying
Rite, in which Thorn shall ascend
from squire to full Huntsman.

The Huntsman opens the case, revealing an ornate, darkly gothic BATTLEAXE. The Huntsman holds it up and it gleams in the moonlight.

206 HUNTSMAN
Sadly, one of you will not be able
to witness the Rite. But they get
the privilege of participating in
it.

207 COUNCILOR ANDAM You won't get away with this, Huntsman. The whole of the Order will come after you!

I certainly hope so. It's so difficult to flush dragons out of hiding as it is. Huntsclan, gag our guests. I'm finding their prattle distracting.

Huntsmen go to gag the Council with sphinxhair cloth.

PULL OUT TO REVEAL - Jake listening from behind a nearby gravestone.

209 JAKE Those dragons need a dragon!

As Jake scrambles out of the graveyard, one of the Huntsmen casts two large stones of flint together, causing the firepit to burst into flames.

EXT. GRAVEYARD - NIGHT

Jake sprints out of the graveyard, down the street. A couple of trick or treaters (dressed like the White Stripes) pass by the FG. Jake rounds a corner in the bg...

EXT. LINE OF BROWNSTONES - NIGHT

...and smacks right into Grandpa, who glares at him.

210 JAKE
(all over the place)
Yo, G! We gotta— The Huntsclan...
Listen, we had this party and
there's butterscotch sauce in the
cash register and the Dragon
Council showed up...

Grandpa just continues to stare.

211 JAKE And Huntsclan grabbed them and they're gonna slay them all and...

Grandpa doesn't say anything.

JAKE Grandpa, c'mon. This is serious!

213 GRANDPA (THIN KID) Serious? Lighten up, dudely. It's Halloween!

"Grandpa" pulls off his "head," revealing he's just a freckle faced RED-HEADED KID in a mask, just like Haley's.

214 JAKE

AHHH! What the-(then,quiet, shocked)
Why are you dressed like my
grandfather?

The Thin Kid shrugs.

215 THIN KID Everyone's doing it! It's the hottest costume going.

WIDE OUT TO REVEAL - the street is full of trick or treating

Grandpas of all sizes and shapes. Jake looks around, starting to panic.

216 JAKE
But-- I-- I gotta find Gramps...

217 THIN KID What you gotta do, is relax. Halloween is a time to party!

Suddenly Jake's frustrated face shifts to the spark of an idea.

218 JAKE That's it! Time to party!

Jake sprints away. The Thin Kid puts his Grandpa head back on.

\$219\$ THIN KID Wisdom at last comes to the young one.

(then)
Wow. Where'd that come from? Halloweird!

#### INT. GRANDPA'S STORE - NIGHT

The party has shifted from raucous to pious. A line of pixies hold hands and sprinkle their dust on the cracked tv's restoring them. The multi-armed D.J. scrubs the floor. Spud stands on the fully-inflated Trixie to scrub the ceiling with a mop. The Teen Girl Centaur holds a plastic bag open while Brad tosses plates and cups in it. The place is looking great—it sparkles and shines.

220 FU DOG
Come on people! I wanna see my
reflection in those floors!
Actually, I don't look so good from
that angle, but...

221 JAKE (O.S.) Yo, Fu, my mans!

Everyone turns to see a smiling Jake in the doorway.

222 JAKE

What's going on here? I thought we were having some fun!

The place is utterly silent as everyone looks at Jake like he just sneezed up a Volvo.

223 FU DOG

You get ahold of some bad candy corn, kid?

224 JAKE

Hey, I may be outa powers, but this party is one thing we've got plenty of!

EXT. GRAVEYARD - NIGHT

The Huntsclan stand assembled in a line by the fire as the Huntsman and Thorn stand near the bound Council.

225 HUNTSMAN

So begins our ancient rite of passage. Thorn, have you selected?

226 THORN

Yes.

Thorn swings the battleaxe, which

She points to the Council, one after the other in a line, finally stopping at Councilor Chang.

227 THORN

This one.

228 HUNTSMAN

An excellent choice.

Thorn walks to the bound Councilor Chang, holding the axe up, ready to strike.

229 HUNTSMAN

Do you, Thorn, pledge fealty and allegiance to the Huntsclan?

230 THORN

I do, master

231 HUNTSMAN

Thorn, begin your days as a true Huntsman and--

Suddenly, a is visible throughout the clearing, knocking several Huntsmen back. The RIPPLE knocks THORN backwards. She falls into a GRAVESTONE, becoming unconscious.

232 JAKE (O.S.)

KICK OUT THE JAMS!!!

233 HUNTSMAN

(barely audible)

Who dares?

On the Huntsman's turn, we see the CROWD from the party getting down. Two big speakers sit on a couple of large gravestones, blasting music as the D.J. spins records on a tomb. Jake has a mic, as does Rex the Brownie. Spud rides on the fully-inflated Trixie, who bounces in with the crowd.

234 SPUD

Our sound system ROCKS!!!!!

235 REX

Oy, oy!

The Huntsman spins around, confused.

236 HUNTSMAN

What the?

Jake rushes in, tripping him with his mic cord, sending him flying O.S. Joining him are the now-groovin' HIP OGRES, the GOAT IN A BOWLER, and some CLASSMATES.

237 JAKE

All Hallow's Eve is what we need, it's da ace up da sleeve and it's agreed... To save da holiday I believe we gotta forget serious stuff 'n' final exams what we gotta do is kick out the jams! Kick out the WHAT? THE JAMS, JAMS, YO! Kick out the WHAT?

238 THE CROWD

THE, JAMS, JAMS, YO!

239 BROWNIE (O.S.)

Oy, oy!

Pixies flying around and glowing to the music cause fist swinging HUNTSCLAN MEMBERS to hit each other. The Dwarf Cyclops has his hose and is going to town, butterscotching Huntsmen.

240 DWARF CYCLOPS Toppins in the hizzy!

Brad (still wet from being in the mermaid tank) macks on a

FEMALE HUNTSMAN.

241 BRAD

So, Babe, do you like, work at this haunted house? What time to you get off? 'Cause the I likes your style.

(then)

What are you dressed as, a french maid or something?

The Female Huntsman swings a punch at Brad but is kicked back. WIDE OUT TO REVEAL - the Teen Girl Centaur did it.

242 BRAD

Ladies, ladies. No need to fight. There's plenty of the Bradster to go around.

As some moshing BIKER TROLLS knock Huntsmen down, the

Huntsman leaps atop a nearby tomb. His Huntstaff flips open, dropping out a green glowing magical arrow and revealing a bow. With a quick, deft move, he loads the bow and fires the arrow.

THE ARROW - knocks out a plug, running from the D.J. console, silencing the music--and the crowd.

SHOT FROM BEHIND - the Huntsman stands above the crowd, pointing his Huntstaff at them.

#### 243 HUNTSMAN

ENOUGH! HUNTSCLAN, TAKE THEM!

SAME SHOT - as the three, now-fully-dragoned Council rise into FRAME, in front of the Huntsman, looking utterly formidable and beyond angry.

244 COUNCILOR ANDAM The only thing your Huntsclan will take is a beating.

245 HUNTSMAN

No...

The Huntsman leaps O.S. as each of the Dragon Council breathe their distinct fires at him.

GHOST KID #1 and GHOST KID #2 - look on in awe.

246 GHOST KID #1
Dude, I don't know how Jake did the special effects, but this Haunted House dealie is off! The! Hoook!

The two Ghosts bump chests excitedly.

247 DWARF CYCLOPS

Watch it!

WIDEN TO REVEAL the DWARF CYCLOPS between them.

248 GHOST KID #1

Sorry Dude!

saved us.

The Ghost kids get on their knees and all three begin CHEST BUMPING.

Huntsclan members race away (grabbing the still unconscious Thorn off the ground an taking them with her) and the crowd Trixie calls after them.

249 TRIXIE

That's right! You'd better run you-Hey!

Trixie's costume like a balloon, instantly deflated, revealing Spud with the Huntsman's arrow.

250 SPUD

Wow. This thing is sharp.

The Dragon Council, now in human form, stand before Jake.

251 COUNCILOR ANDAM Thank you, Jake. However unconventionally you did it... You

252 JAKE huh? T mean

It's wild, huh? I mean, I got kicked out of the order for partying, but this party is what saved all'a y'all.

Fu Dog walks in, throwing an arm around Jake's shoulder.

253 FU DOG

There's a whole lotta parts to this kid. Human and dragon. Partier and protector. It's the whole package that came to the rescue.

254 COUNCILOR CHANG Councilors, surely you aren't considering reinstating the boy...

255 COUNCILOR ANDAM We aren't considering it. We're doing it.

256 COUNCILOR CHANG But his lack of discipline--

257 COUNCILOR KULDE Is exactly what saved you from becoming someone's prey.

Councilor Chang doesn't say anything. With a hard look, she puts her hand forward. The other Councilors place their hands on hers, and in the reverse of what happened before, they glow brighter and brighter, until the glow is transferred to Jake, turning him back into a DRAGON.

258 COUNCILOR ANDAM Welcome back to the Order, American Dragon.

259 JAKE

Thanks, yo.

Jake and Fu Dog smile, as does the Council (save for Chang).

There's an awkward, silent moment.

260 COUNCILOR KULDE Seems like a good reason to party, yes?

261 JAKE/FU DOG

Yes!

Jake turns to the side.

262 JAKE

(calling O.S.)

YO, D.J.! Give us a beat to trick or treat!

The starts up again and the crowd begins dancing. Jake walks up to Fu Dog.

263 JAKE So... Fu Dog. We don't have to tell Gramps about all this right?

264 FU DOG I don't know, kid. It was a pretty big deal, and Gramps and I have been friends for a long-- Jake steps aside revealing a CUTE TALKING POODLE dressed in a "I dream of Jeanie-esque" outfit.

Fu takes, his eyes nearly popping out of his head.

265 FU DOG Kid. I don't think we need to tell Grandpa anything ever again.

Fu Dog puts an arm around the poodle.

266 FU DOG So, sweetheart, how about later you come over to my place for a little trick or treat?

WIPE TO:

INT. GRANDPA'S STORE

Grandpa and Haley sit at the table. Piece by piece they pull candy out of their jack-o'-lanterns and put in into a pile, counting. (Each has their own jack-o'-lantern and their own pile.

267 HALEY/GRANDPA
One hundred and three. One hundred and four...

A beat as GRANDPA morphs into his dragon tail. He creeps it around, and on a nearby wall.

Haley looks up at the sound...

268 GRANDPA Haley! Was that the door?

269 HALEY

I'll go check!

As Haley runs to the door, Grandpa quickly pours the contents of his jack-o'-lantern into Haley's.

Haley comes back to the table, smiling at Grandpa.

270 HALEY

There was no one there.

Grandpa and Haley both shrug and continue to count.

271 HALEY/GRANDPA

One hundred and five...

Grandpa stops counting, his jack-o'-lantern empty. It takes Haley a few seconds to realize she's counting alone.

272 HALEY

One hundred and six, one hundred and seven... Hey! I won!

Grandpa smiles at Haley.

273 GRANDPA

Indeed you did, young one!

Grandpa sweeps Haley into a hug. As Haley and Grandpa hug, Grandpa reaches into her pile, pocketing a GREEDY HANDFUL of chocolates with a wink.

274 GRANDPA

Indeed you did.

#### THE END